

RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: request

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WolfCO_Summer_County_FullState_Ditmer.png; WolfCO_Winter_County_FullState_Ditmer.png;

Hi Scott,

I have attached the summer and winter suitability maps with county lines and several towns. Let me know if these will work for your purposes. As a reminder, these are done at a relatively medium/coarse scale to highlight general areas that met our criteria. I could certainly do a finer-scale analysis as needed once we know the areas being considered. Also, I am finishing a draft looking at how various starting units (wilderness areas, national parks) compare when modeling likely wolf movements and the interaction with areas of conflict risks. I would be happy to run through how I did that and the results at some point if interested.

Thanks again for reaching out and please keep me in mind if any members of the public will be allowed at the location on release day!

-Mark

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Howdy Mark - that sounds great!! Thank you so much. We know you have other things going on so we don't want to put you in a bind at all, but if we could get something by Wednesday next week that would be good, but we would not complain if something was received sooner. Let me know if there is anything I can help with and thanks a ton for the cooperation and willingness to help us out!!
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Hi Scott,

Thanks for reaching out. Yes, I do remember the meeting. It is great to hear from you again.

I am not sure what Eric has shared with you but I have created a variety of different versions of the map with various additional landmarks on it (e.g., more towns and highways). However, I don't think I have done counties. If that would be best for you, I can definitely get to that. This week is a little crazy with end of fiscal year stuff but I shouldn't have too many problems next week. Please let me know when you need the maps by.

-Mark

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Howdy Mark - don't know if you remember me, but I was invited to one of the internal discussions where you presented your habitat suitability model for Colorado a while ago. Anyway, as I am sure you are aware, we are working closely with CPW now to develop an experimental designation for wolves that will be reintroduced into CO and as part of that we have contractors conducting an analysis to evaluate the effects of the action. I don't know a whole lot about the NEPA process, but I do know they want to use the summer and winter choropleths you developed for CO as part of that analysis.

We reached out to Eric Odell with CPW and he mentioned that you created those maps in R and have a tough time exporting them as shapefiles. Since that is the case, we were wondering if it might be possible to request a simple *.jpg (or similar file) with the CO summer and winter habitat suitability choropleth maps with a CO county overlay so we can more easily visualize which counties have the greatest conflict risk for each season??

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out anytime at the number below. Hope all is well and thank you for your time!!

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